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¶11. (SBU) On November 19, we shared reftel non-paper regarding the USG objectives for the UN-organized Doha conference on Financing for Development with Viktor Zagregov, Head of the UN Section in the MFA's International Organizations Department, and Grigoriy Ustinov, a second secretary in Zagregov's section. On November 20, Zagregov told us he would attend the Doha conference and appreciated receiving the U.S. non-paper, but the GOR did not have any substantive reaction at this point. He explained that the GOR was still finalizing its positions for the Doha conference, and, without identifying specific issues, noted that the Russian delegation in Doha would have discretion to decide many questions on the spot without consulting with Moscow. On November 24, Ustinov advised us that the MFA had discussed the U.S. non-paper with the Ministry of Finance, but still did not have a substantive reaction. Ustinov also noted that Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Aleksey Kudrin would head the Russian delegation in Doha.

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